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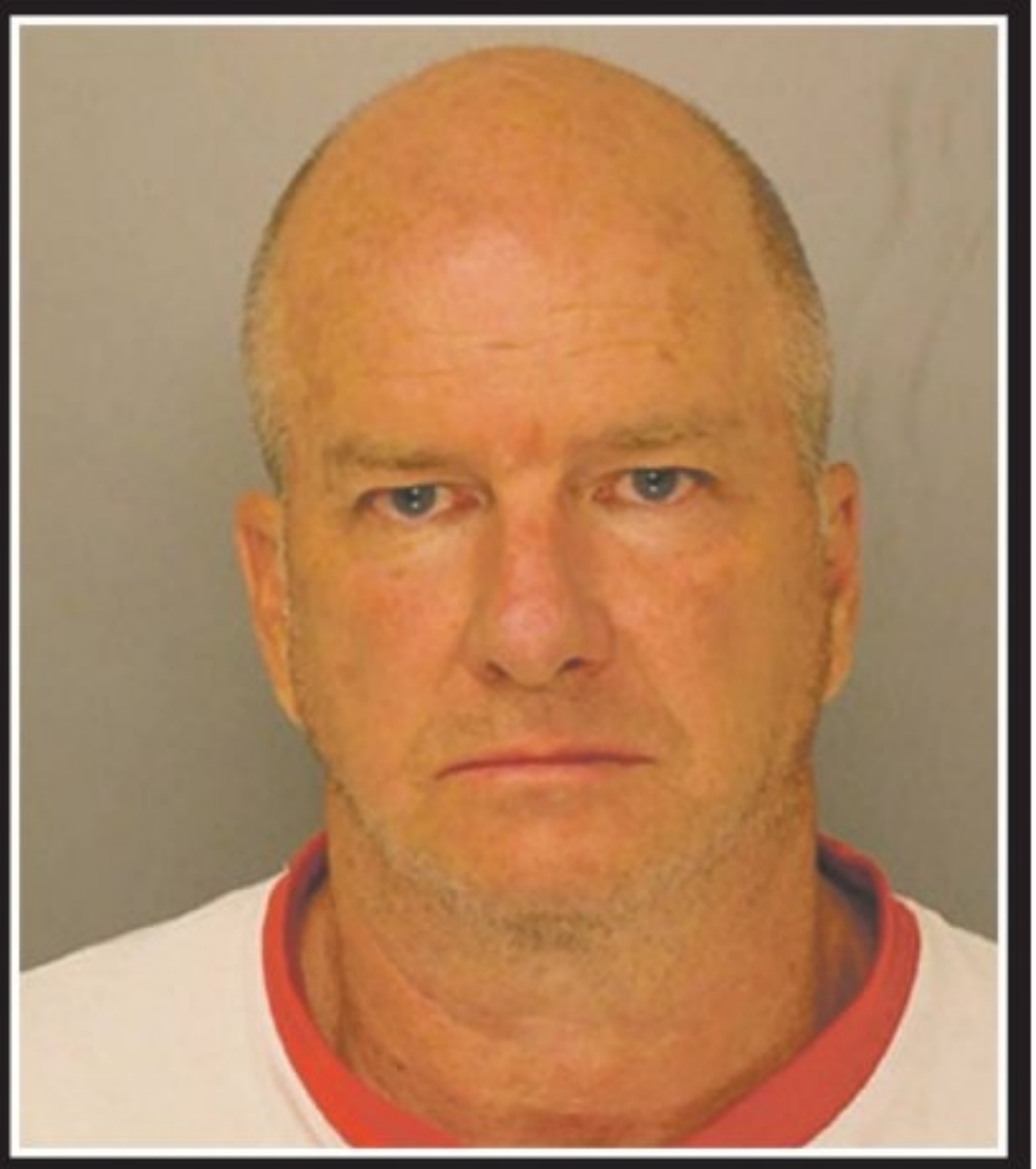

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SAM NEWHOUSE, REPORTER

September is here, and for different people, that means many things! In the case of a disgraced Chesco man found to have the largest child pornography collection in state history, that means meeting justice, after he was sentenced for a variety of sex crimes. For Pa. politicians, elections are drawing ever nearer, and former President Barack Obama will soon visit Philly to support Democratic candidates. And in the ecological world, it means breeding season for some bugs — possibly including the invasive and dangerous spotted lanternfly, which has recently been sighted in the Philadelphia area. Read it all inside and on **metrophilly.us.**

1 TRUMP TO VISIT N. CAROLINA, DEATH TOLL AT 33

Residents of the Carolinas struggled to return to normalcy on Tuesday after taking a beating from Hurricane Florence, but their efforts were hindered by standing water and additional flooding expected from already swollen rivers. Florence has killed at least 33 people since coming ashore as a hurricane on Friday, including 26 in North Carolina and six in South Carolina. One person was killed when Florence spawned at least 16 tornadoes on Monday in Virginia, the National Weather Service said. The White House said President Donald Trump would visit North Carolina on Wednesday. He has been criticized for his handling of Hurricane Maria, which devastated Puerto Rico last year, and more recently for disputing the official death toll of 3,000. Waterways were expected to keep rising on Tuesday in places like Fayetteville, N.C., a city of 200,000 in the southern part of the state, according to the National Weather Service, hampering efforts to restore power, clear roads and allow residents to return to their homes.

2 FOOTBALL HOF MEMBERS WANT BENEFITS, PAY

The newly formed players-only Hall of Fame Board, made up of Pro Football Hall of Fame players, is threatening a boycott of enshrinement ceremonies unless the members receive health insurance and an annual salary that includes a share of NFL revenues. Former Rams running back Eric Dickerson is the chairman of the board created to represent the pursuit of health care and a piece of the NFL's massive revenue pie. The Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, has undergone an enormous construction project in recent years — Hall of Fame Village, aided by a huge sponsorship deal with Johnson Controls — that includes a retirement center for players, who would receive health care on the premises. The project also includes a new stadium and will bring multiple football fields for youth participation initiatives. In the letter, Hall of Fame members reference Major League Baseball's lifetime health coverage afforded any player who serves a single day on a big-league roster, and point to the established $620 million "Legacy Fund" as one of the NFL's "cynical public relations ploys that fail to help those who desperately need it."

3 FAST-FOOD ACTIVISTS ORGANIZE STRIKE TO COMBAT SEXUAL HARASSMENT

McDonald's workers are joined by other activists as they march toward the company's headquarters to protest sexual harassment at the fast-food chain's restaurants on Tuesday in Chicago. Similar actions took place around the country and were touted as the first-ever nationwide "strike against sexual harassment in the fast-food industry." According to a recent study, 40 percent of female fast-food workers experience unwanted sexual behavior on the job.

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4 NEEDLES FOUND IN STRAWBERRIES IN AUSTRALIA

Needles have been found inside strawberries in two more Australian states, police said on Monday, broadening a health scare that has caused supermarkets to recall brands and farmers to dump fruit amid the peak growing season. One man in the state of Western Australia and a girl in South Australia reported finding needles in their strawberries in the past two days, according to police. Seven brands of strawberries in Australia are now believed to be contaminated with needles and pins, according to police reports, prompting warnings from authorities to slice the fruit before eating. Queensland Police Commissioner Ian Stewart told reporters on Monday that it was unclear if the contamination was the result of a single person acting alone or several people acting independently and that tracing back through the complex supply chain was taking time. Consumers in Queensland were the first to report finding needles embedded inside strawberries. "A member of the public today presented at York Police Station to report his concerns that a needle had been in a punnet of strawberries," the Western Australian police said in a statement.

5 POLAND SUGGESTS 'FORT TRUMP' FOR MILITARY BASE

President Donald Trump said on Tuesday the United States is considering a request from Poland for a permanent U.S. military presence in the fellow NATO country, acknowledging that he shares Poland's concerns about possible Russian aggression. Polish President Andrzej Duda asked Trump for a permanent U.S. base during a White House meeting, offering to name it "Fort Trump," and explaining it would be a bulwark against what he considers a threat from Russia. Trump said he agreed with Duda that Moscow had "acted aggressively" in the region and said the request for a base was under consideration. He said he appreciated Duda's offer to put more than $2 billion into the project. "We're looking at it very seriously, I know Poland likes the idea very much, and it's something that we are considering, yes," Trump told reporters. Moscow expressed concern in May over reports about Poland's request, saying NATO's expansion toward Russia's borders undermined stability in Europe.

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Larry Jamieson, left, of Willistown, got 100 years in prison for child porn possession and plotting to sexually abuse an underage girl with the aid of accomplice John Christopher Brown, right. ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHESCO DA'S OFFICE

Chesco 'child predator' gets 100 years for state's largest-ever child porn stash

Lawrence Jamieson of Willistown had the largest child porn stash in Pa. history and, with an accomplice, sexually abused a minor.

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Lawrence Jamieson, the scion of a respected Main Line family, was actually a "child predator," Philly federal prosecutors said before he was sentenced to 100 years in prison for sex crimes and possession of child pornography.

Also known as "Larry," Jamieson, Jr., 59, of Malvern, pleaded guilty in September 2017 to charges related to his stash of some 14.4 million child pornography images, collected off the internet over 15 years on thousands of DVDs, thumb drives and other digital storage devices.

The collection was believed to be the largest discovered by law enforcement in Pennsylvania history. It contained "some of the most demented images imaginable of toddlers and infants being sexually assaulted by adult men and women, and in some cases, by animals," federal prosecutors said.

But his crimes didn't come to light until he and an accomplice undertook to manipulate an underage girl with learning disabilities and mental health issues

"[Lawrence Jamieson] is the worst of the worst type of criminal — a child predator who derives satisfaction from abusing society's most vulnerable members."

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into performing sex acts with both men, which they recorded and distributed online.

"[Lawrence Jamieson] is the worst of the worst type of criminal — a child predator who derives satisfaction from abusing society's most vulnerable members," U.S. Attorney William McSwain said in a statement announcing the sentence. "The details in this case are horrific. ... He concocted and carried out a plan to sexually abuse a child within his care — someone he knew was susceptible to his influence."

Jamieson is the son of a well-known family in Willistown. His father was Lawrence Jamieson, a former member of Downingtown Borough Council who worked as an insurance agent at Massachusetts Life Insurance Co. in Paoli, Pa., and died in 2010. Jamieson's mother, Kathleen Casey Jamieson, is the owner of Mock Fox Interiors, an interior design business in Haverford.

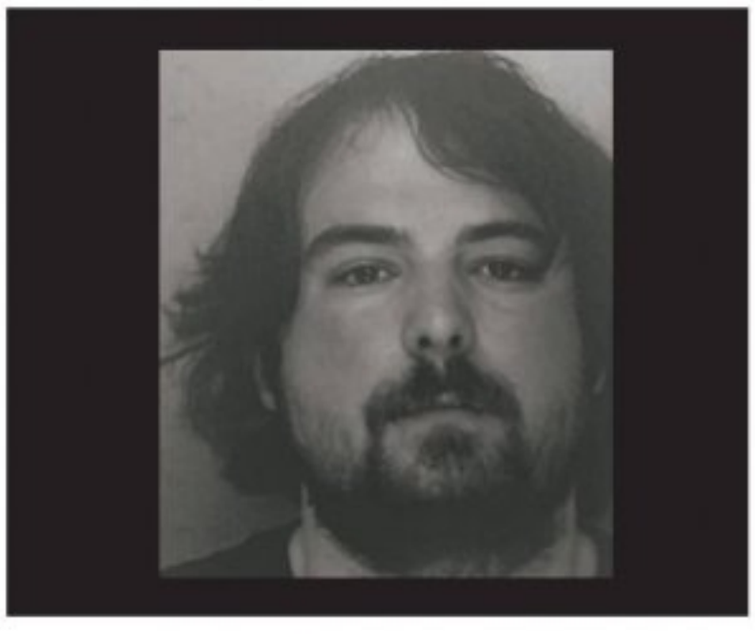
Jamieson, who reportedly worked as a private contractor, was arrested in August 2016 by Chester County authorities after the victimization of the underage girl by Jamieson and accomplice John Christopher Brown of Norristown came to light.

The victim has not been identified, but federal prosecutors said she was "in his care" and "well acquainted" with Jamieson, who knew she was on the Autism spectrum and had learning disabilities and mental health issues. According to the Chester County Daily Local News, when the victim was 15, in February 2015, Jamieson plotted to introduce her to Brown, then 23, whom he claimed was 17 and also a student. Jamieson even devised a fake age and birthdate for Brown, as well as a backstory that he attended a cyberschool.

Over the next 18 months, Brown had several sexual encounters with the victim, aged 15 and 16, which he photographed, recorded and then shared with Jamieson, who distributed them online.

"He [Jamieson] targeted this underage girl by first recruiting another adult male to pose as a teenaged boy so that they could dupe the victim into believing he was her boyfriend and gain her trust," federal prosecutors said.

John Christopher Brown changed his appearance to look younger, prosecutors said. (See comparison image above and below).



BRIEF

Rape trial of man at center of Nobel scandal starts Wednesday

The man at the center of a scandal that has engulfed the Swedish Academy, which awards the Nobel Prize for Literature, will stand trial on Wednesday for rape.

The scandal has forced the Academy to cancel this year's Literature prize, which would have been announced next month, and has thrown it into its worst crisis since its founding more than 200 years ago by the Swedish king.

Jean-Claude Arnault, 72, who is married to a member of the Academy, has been charged with two counts of rape against a woman in Stockholm seven years ago.

Arnault's lawyer says he denies the allegations. Arnault has also denied unrelated allegations of being the source of leaks of the names of some past winners before the formal announcements.

Prosecutors closed another preliminary investigation into a number of abuse allegations against Arnault earlier this year, citing insufficient evidence and because for some the statute of limitations had expired. He has been accused by 18 women of sexual harassment and assault.

Two of the Academy's 18 members have resigned over the institution's handling of the crisis. Several — including Arnault's wife — are not taking part in the Academy's work as a consequence of the row but have not formally resigned.

After cutting ties with Arnault, the Academy held a vote on whether to exclude his wife from the body for allegedly breaching conflict of interest rules and divulging names of prize winners to her husband, who could then leak them.

The motion failed but prompted the series of departures.

With the headcount down to only 10 and statutes saying 12 are needed to vote in new members, previous Permanent Secretary Sara Danius and two other members who have effectively left the Academy have said they are willing to take part in important votes such as filling vacant seats. REUTERS

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Former President Barack Obama speaks during a forum at the University of Chicago held to promote community organizing. GETTY IMAGES

Obama to stump for Dems in Philly

The former president will appear at a campaign event in Philly to support Pennsylvania Democrats.

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Barack Obama is coming back to Philadelphia.

The über-popular former Democratic president will attend a campaign event in Philadelphia on Friday to support local Democrats, and tickets are available to the public.

The campaign event on Sept. 21 in West Fairmount Park is being held to support races like those of Gov. Tom Wolf, and U.S. Sen. Bob Casey, both strongly favored to win in races against Trump-backed Republicans.

Obama previously turned up in Philadelphia for the Democratic National Convention and other campaign events on behalf of Hillary Clinton, holding a rally in Eakins Oval.

This time around, he'll be supporting Wolf in his campaign against state Sen. Scott Wagner. Democratic U.S. Sen. Bob Casey is running for a third term against challenger Lou Barletta. (A fundraiser for Barletta attended by VP Mike Pence was protested by hundreds, including women dressed as "handmaids.") Later on Friday, Obama attend a fundraising event for Sen. Casey in Philadelphia.

Polls and fundraising indicate Democrats will win both those races, but Pennsylvania, which was instrumental to electing President Trump, remains a heavily contested political battleground state, which Trump once said he "dreams about."

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Donald Trump Jr. will speak at a Pennsylvania Republican Party event in Hershey, also to be held on Sept. 21.

Obama will attend the Democratic campaign event at the Dell Music Center at 2400 Strawberry Mansion Dr. in West Fairmount Park.

Doors open at 2:30 p.m., and Obama is expected to speak around 4:45 p.m.

Tickets are free to the public, and are also offered in return for volunteer work. For more information on volunteering to get tickets, visit padems.com.

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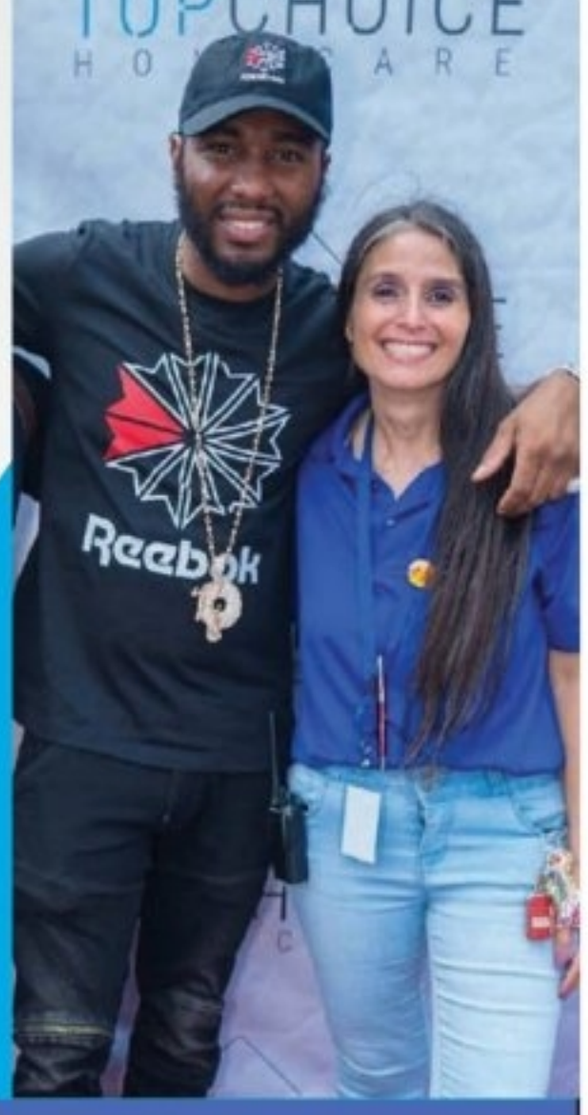

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Doubts arise over whether Trump court nominee's accuser will testify

Christine Blasey Ford has not replied to Senate requests.

Brett Kavanaugh's once-safe Supreme Court nomination is in jeopardy, though his accuser, Christine Blasey Ford, reportedly has not responded to the Senate Judiciary Committee's attempts to contact her about appearing at Monday's hearing. GETTY IMAGES

A woman who has accused President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh of sexual assault decades ago has not yet agreed to testify at a U.S. Senate hearing set for next Monday, raising questions about whether the high-stakes public showdown will take place.

Christine Blasey Ford, a university professor in California whose allegations have put Kavanaugh's once-safe nomination in jeopardy, has not responded to attempts by the Republican-led Senate Judiciary Committee to contact her about appearing at the hearing, committee Chairman Chuck Grassley said on Tuesday.

"We have reached out to her in the last 36 hours, three or four times by email, and we've not heard from them. So it kind of raises the question ... do they want to come to (the) public hearing or not?" Grassley said in an interview with conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt.

"I want to hear from Dr. Ford," Grassley said. "And she deserves to be heard because these are serious accusations. And I would surely hope she'd come Monday."

Ford detailed her allegation in a letter sent in July to Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the committee's top Democrat. The letter's contents leaked last week and Ford identified herself in an interview with the Washington Post published on Sunday that included details about the alleged assault.

Debra Katz, a lawyer representing Ford, said in television interviews on Monday that the professor would be willing to testify and called the alleged incident "attempted rape." Katz did not respond to Reuters requests for comment.

Democrats have so far also refused to cooperate with the committee's Republican leadership. They have asked that the FBI conduct an investigation, a request that Republicans have rebuffed. Trump and other Republicans said they do not think the FBI needs to be involved.

Feinstein said there should be more than just two witnesses, possibly to include people whom Ford previously confided in. The committee's Democrats said witnesses should include Kavanaugh's friend Mark Judge, whom Ford has said witnessed the alleged incident.

A lawyer representing Judge sent a letter to Grassley saying Judge does not want to speak publicly about the matter.

"In fact, I have no memory of this alleged incident. Brett Kavanaugh and I were friends in high school but I do not recall the party described in Dr. Ford's letter. More to the point, I never saw Brett act in the manner Dr. Ford describes," the letter quoted Judge as saying.

Judge is the author of a 1997 memoir titled "Wasted: Tales of a Gen X Drunk," which recounts his experiences as a teenage alcoholic.

One Democratic senator, Richard Blumenthal, said Kavanaugh should withdraw his nomination.

"I believe Dr. Ford. I believe the survivor here," Blumenthal said. "She has come forward courageously and bravely, knowing she would face a nightmare of possible and vicious scrutiny." REUTERS

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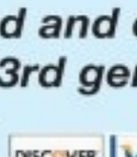
The invasive spotted lanternfly has arrived, and it's a threat to Philly

Sightings of the invasive insect have been reported in the Philly region.



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The noose of the invasive spotted lanternfly draws ever tighter around the neck of Philadelphia. The plant-hopper can destroy local trees and vines, upsetting the ecosystem and damaging agricultural businesses in the process, and it's recently been sighted in Philly and the surrounding suburbs.

Eyewitnesses have shared photos of the beautiful but dangerous spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) in Center City around City Hall. Earlier this week, the Delaware County Council issued a stern warning about the possible risks of an infestation by the bug, which is typically 1 inch long by half-an-inch wide. The spotted lanternfly is not a threat to humans, but it can inflict severe damage on local trees.

"We want to make residents aware of the threat and inform them about the best ways to control the population," Delaware County Council Chairman John McBlain said in a statement. "While they don't pose a health risk, they do present a threat to Delaware County and the state's agricultural businesses."

According to the Delaware County Council, this species of bug attacks fruit trees, feeds on sap, and excretes a sticky substance that builds up on and around infested plants, creating a breeding ground for fungi and sooty mold, which can infect and kill plants.

The species also reproduces at a breathtaking rate. With each female carrying 100 eggs, the population levels of this bug, once settled into an area, can grow exponentially.

The lanternfly has the potential to threaten Pennsylvania's $18 billion grape, tree fruit, hard-

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Spotted lanternfly populations grow rapidly and can breed and spread along tree trunks. LAWRENCE BARRINGER / PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

wood, nursery and landscape industries, Delaware County Council said, in addition to threatening residents' gardens and general quality of life.

Due to the threat to the state's economy, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) gave Pennsylvania $17.5 million in funding to fight the pest earlier this year. Thirteen counties in southeast Pennsylvania are "quarantined": Berks, Bucks, Chester, Dauphin, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, and Schuylkill.

But none of that has stopped the insect's gradual but inexorable migration southward.

First spotted in Berks County in 2014, the spotted lanternfly has now been spotted throughout southeastern Pennsylvania, as well as in New York, Delaware and Virginia. In addition to killing crops, the spotted lanternfly can cause structural damage to trees, killing them faster when powerful storms come through. One of their favorite homes is the ailanthus tree, or "tree of heaven."

These reasons are why state officials are urging members of the public to kill the spotted lanternfly on sight — for example, with a shoe, if no other blunt object is at hand.

"The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture advises that the Adult Spotted Lanternfly and nymphs can be mechanically destroyed, such as being swatted with a shoe," the Delaware County Council said.

Additionally, anyone traveling between quarantine zones should check themselves, their car and their furniture to see if a spotted lanternfly, known to be a "hitchhiker" that camouflages itself into blankets or the exteriors of cars, is using them to hitch a ride.

Parks & Recreation officials confirmed to the Inquirer that the bugs have been spotted in the Wissahickon, on Valley Green Drive, and in West Fairmount Park.

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LET BARS AND PATRONS DECIDE IF THEY'LL ALLOW DOGS

The "blame" for the lack of canine companions in U.S. taverns falls on the local health inspectors, not the bar. These self-appointed — and opinionated — guardians of the public health need to confine their activities to back-of-house and leave the decisions of who is welcome front-of-house to the tavern owner and their paying customers. That will quickly determine what the public wants versus having it foisted on them by officialdom. This country cannot hold down a claim to have a healthy food and hospitality business, as most U.S. agri-industry products are banned outside the country, due to GMOs, antibiotics and growth hormones. Get a grip on what is important, and let my dog and I grab a pint in peace — as I could do in most European countries.

— **Alan Crawford**, *Metro US reader*

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I hate rude people also, however announcing "coming off" when exiting an elevator is far from rude. People get on elevators to get off. "Coming off" is an indication that it is that person's floor. "Excuse me" should be reserved for situations when a person is not obligated to move for someone. For example, if I need to get to the bar for my beer, I'm going to say "excuse me."

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Aries Take note of what others are doing to get a better idea of what you should do next. It's how you react that will make a difference to the outcome of a situation.

Taurus A change of heart will leave you in a precarious position. Protect yourself. Choosing to remain calm will help handle uncertainty.

Gemini A timeout will do you good. Consider what you have and the changes going on around you. Take better care of your personal belongings and your important relationships.

Cancer Don't sit idle when you should be making moves and creating opportunities. Use your intelligence and charm to convince others to help you get what you want. Romance is featured.

Leo Take better care of your health and possessions. Moderation will help prevent an argument with someone concerned about your generosity or indulgent habits.

Virgo Discuss your intentions and feelings. Someone's response will affect how you move forward, and a change at home will give you hope and bring you joy.

Libra Don't leave anything to chance. The more things you do for yourself, the better off you'll be. If you count on others, you will be disappointed. Listen to your head and protect your heart.

Scorpio The changes with others going on around you may be subtle but telling. Aggression isn't the answer, but discussion and compromise will bring you closer to a workable solution.

Sagittarius Fact-checking will help you avoid being taken advantage of by an expert manipulator. Take notes and ask reliable people to verify what you have been told.

Capricorn Personal gains can be made. The changes you indulge in should be geared toward relaxing, updating your look and improving your relationship with the people you care about most.

Aquarius Emotions will mount. Don't let someone goad you into something you will end up regretting. You don't have to join in. Don't let temptation be your downfall.

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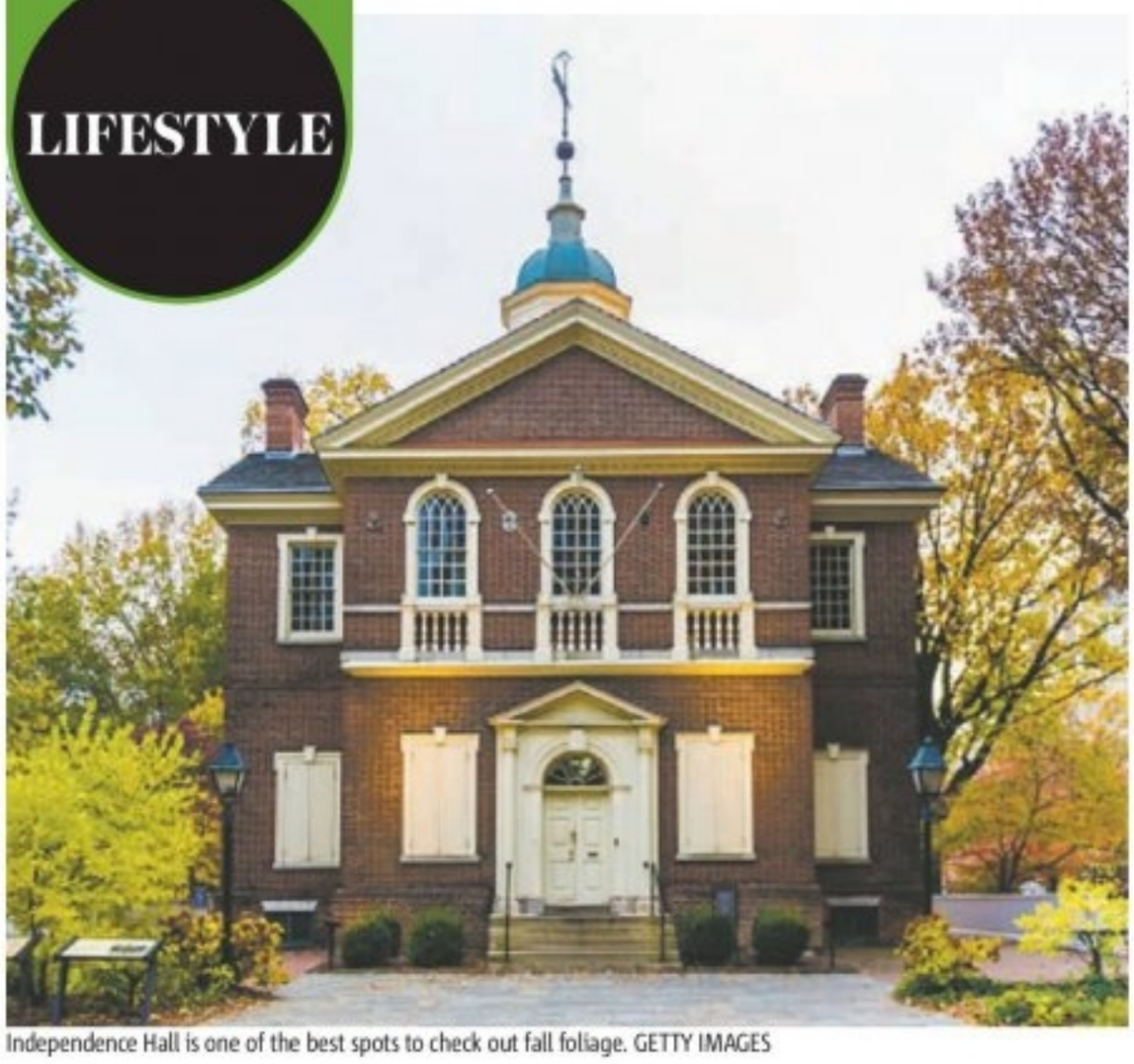

Independence Hall is one of the best spots to check out fall foliage. GETTY IMAGES

Enjoy the beauties of fall, Philly-style

Philly is the perfect city for experiencing fall foliage.

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The fall brings a lot of wonderful scents, activities and colors. Pumpkin is everywhere, Halloween candy is in every aisle, apple picking is a must and fall foliage is a treat for our eyes. The changing colors of the leaves are extraordinarily beautiful and help ease our minds that summer is over. Here are the best spots in Philly to check out 2018 fall foliage.

Fairmount Park
Fairmount Park is home to some of Philly's most beloved attractions including the zoo, historic mansions, the Smith Memorial Playground and Playhouse and Shofuso Japanese House and Gardens. Fairmount Park is huge, spanning 2,050 acres, and is home to over 50 miles of hiking trails, where you can get the best views of beautiful fall foliage.
2000 Belmont Mansion Dr.

Schuylkill River Trail
This path runs northwest along the Schuylkill River from Philadelphia all the way to Phoenixville. Along the way are plenty of places to experience every bit of fall foliage that Philadelphia and beyond have to offer.
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Franklin Square
This square offers as much history — William Penn included the square in his original plans of the city — as it does fall foliage. While admiring the colors of the season, grab a burger, play some mini-golf, ride a carousel and much more.
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University City
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Independence Hall
There is always something magical about Old City. Stepping into the past, with its cobblestone streets, old taverns and Revolution-era attractions is always enjoyable. Being at the epicenter of our nation's birth is the best place to be when you're in the mood for some fall foliage.
520 Chestnut St.

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A beer and a chat with John Lydon

We caught up with the music icon to chat about everything from the Sex Pistols to his new documentary.

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If there is one frontman deserving of a documentary, it is John Lydon. Obviously there's his iconic work as the lead singer of the Sex Pistols. But, as Lydon recently told Metro in a discussion about the film and his career over a beer, although it was "a major part of my life, because it was the first rung on the ladder," ultimately, it was rather "minimal."

Instead, "The Public Image Is Rotten" focuses on Lydon's work with Public Image Ltd (PiL), which he founded in 1978, and he insists was founded on integrity, honesty and transparency.

"All of the things I wanted in the first band," Lydon says. "But I found to be incredible stumbling blocks for no real good reason other than the fear that the management were displaying at being honest."

Ahead, Lydon talks about the film, PiL and more.

Was PiL a direct reaction to the Sex Pistols?

Not direct. Indirect. Because there were terrific moments. Without the band's and my own incompetence really I don't think we would have got to the next level. It was that learning curve that we all had to go through and endure that made this happen. One thing leads to another. Malcolm would constantly imply there was a masterplan. No. There's no master. This is not "Star Trek." You know, that sexless bloody program that achieves nothing.

Looking back on what you have done with PiL, do you think you

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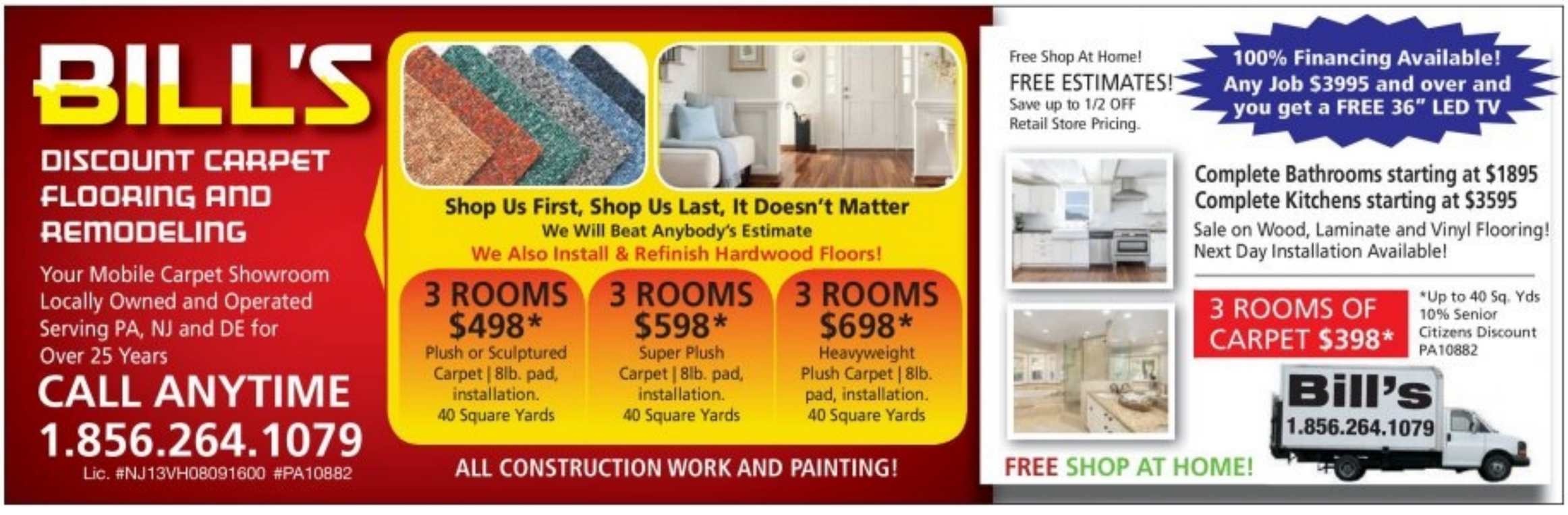
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achieved what you set out for?
No, no, no, there's a hell of a lot of the journey left yet. There's nowhere near enough. But working on it and progressing it and being as honest as we can. The PiL now is the best period of my life in music, because of the bond we have and the integrity and the openness and the honesty. And the freeform arguments that don't result in, "I'm leaving." It is not a b—hfest any longer. There was an awful lot of that. It was very difficult to start PiL because the record company were dead against it. They categorically stated to me. "We can't support this because they are all unknowns." Well, duh, I was an unknown a year and a half ago. It is impossible to comprehend the stupidity of their decisions. But there it goes.

Liam Gallagher has always cited you as a huge influence on his persona, can you see that?
They have a very different approach. They are very good mates and that. But they love the distance and the pop star thing. That's their stance. Very different approach. And why not? Because most of my friends disagree with me anyway.

Do you see your influence on him?
No, no. Not even looking for it. It is nice he says so. But it means nothing really. He is his own person and that is good enough.

You met him? You know him?
I know them very well. I wish they wrote a song that meant something. But there you go. We can't all be wordsmiths.

There's a scene in the film that shows the lengths fans went to to try and get you to play Sex Pistols songs. Did that annoy you?
It is fine. But it is annoying when people expect you to be doing something that you did way, way back in your past. And that is all they want. That is disappointing. But it is also six of one, half a dozen of another. It is why not? You have to realize that, too. Why shouldn't they want it? But I am not a wedding singer. I don't do requests. I am not on a cruise ship. You get what I think is the best I can offer.

What's the future for PiL?
Play. Play. Earn money. Record. Play. ... Keep the wagon wheel running. Incorruptible. We'll do the gigs. Then we will finish up what we are recording. It will be out when the gigs are finished. But who knows what might happen in-between? There might be 20 more great gigs. They might not be. But either way, we are adjustable to any agenda that suits us. The more cash we can raise from touring the more time we can spend in the studio. The money goes straight back into the music.

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Oregon is the favorite at home to upset Stanford, though the Cardinal just received the good news that Bryce Love was cleared to play on Saturday night. The Ducks haven't played a quality opponent like Stanford, which held USC to just three points two weeks ago. Give me a healthy Love and a solid defense any day of the week. — Joe Pantorno

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Rhys Hoskins and the Phillies saw their playoff hopes go up in smoke down the stretch. GETTY IMAGES

5 Reasons why the Phillies fell apart

The Phillies looked like they were going to win N.L. East not too long ago.

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The Phillies' 9-4 loss to the Mets on Monday all but put the nail in the coffin for the team's 2018 postseason aspirations.

Instead of picking up a crucial game in the National League East race against the Braves, the Phillies remained 6.5 games behind their division foes with just 13 games left to play.

Mathematically, they haven't been eliminated, but there's no reason to believe that this team, which has had a brutal August and September so far, will find a way out of their losing ways to steal a playoff spot.

Here are five reasons why the Phillies' season has fallen apart.

1. CHEMISTRY ISSUES

In June and July, the Phillies went a combined 28-25. In August and September, the Phillies have gone a combined 17-25. Many contribute this collapse to team chemistry.

The Phillies added Asdrubal Cabrera, Wilson Ramos, Jose Bautista and Justin Bour to try to inject life into the Phillies' offense at the deadline, but it has backfired on them.

"We have theories about different things that may have contributed [to the collapse]," general manager Matt Klentak said. "It's probably some kind of combination of a lot of things. I will not sit here and tell you the chemistry changed in such a way that that is the reason we struggled. I don't believe that."

2. PEAKED TOO SOON

Prior to the season, Fangraphs had the Phillies finishing 74-88, good for fourth in the division behind the Nationals, Mets and Braves. This was prior to the Phillies acquiring Jake Arrieta, but his 10-9 record this season has not moved the needle enough to really make a huge impact in that projection.

At 76-73, the Phillies have already beaten that projection and will finish at worst in third place in the NL East. But if they hadn't had such a strong start, would there even be a conversation now?

3. INCONSISTENT OFFENSE

As a team, the Phillies are tied for the 25th-worst team batting average in the majors at .238. They've produced 641 runs, which ranks 22nd in the majors, and 1,192 hits, which ranks 29th. They also rank third in the majors in strikeouts with 1,393.

When you can't manufacture offense, you're not going to win many games.

4. PITCHING COLLAPSE

In July, the Phillies' pitching staff amassed a 15-11 record, which ranked ninth in the majors, and had an ERA of 3.26, which ranked third.

In August, the staff dropped to 17th in wins at 13-14 and 14th in ERA at 4.05. In September, the staff has dropped all the way down to 27th in wins at 4-11 and 26th in ERA at 5.18.

For a team that hasn't been hitting, the demise of the pitching staff has proved to be devastating. Tacking on an extra two runs a game that the team would need to win has proven to be too great of a challenge.

5. BAD MANAGEMENT

At the end of the day, everything that has gone wrong can be boiled down to bad team management. For a manager in Gabe Kapler that values analytics in his decision-making, there have been plenty of examples throughout the season where he didn't put the Phillies in a position to win baseball games.

"It's not one thing," Kapler said regarding the Phillies struggles. "It's a collection of many, many things. And to try to boil it down to one thing doesn't appreciate all the variables."

This sentiment doesn't inspire much hope for the Phillies fan base. As a manager, you should be able to pinpoint deficiencies and eliminate them. But if the past two months have proven anything, it's that those deficiencies have only gotten worse.

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3 Wide receiver options for Eagles

Once a strength, Philly's WR unit is in a state of flux.

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Through the first two weeks of the 2018 NFL regular season, the Eagles' wide receiver unit is in a state of emergency. There is no other way to put it.

No. 1 wide receiver Alshon Jeffery is still week-to-week as he recovers from torn rotator cuff surgery. Second-year man Mack Hollins is on injured reserve and veteran Mike Wallace suffered a fractured fibula in the first quarter against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

With all these injuries, the Eagles are only left with Nelson Agholor, Shelton Gibson, and Kamar Aiken Sr.

This is not good news for starting quarterback Carson Wentz, who will be making his season debut on Sunday against the Indianapolis Colts.

Therefore, the Eagles' front office needs to be working the phones, either by signing a free-agent wide receiver or trading for one.

After missing out on Josh Gordon, here are three other options for the Eagles.

1. DEZ BRYANT

The former Dallas Cowboys star is now the best option for the Eagles. He was released after a down 2017 season in which he had 69 receptions for 838 yards and six touchdowns. Even though his stats looked good, they do not tell the entire story as Bryant had issues with route running and getting separation from opposing cornerbacks.

Could Dez Bryant be a solution to the Eagles' receiving problems? GETTY IMAGES

The 29-year-old reportedly turned down offers from both the Baltimore Ravens and Cleveland Browns earlier in the offseason. That being said, one has to wonder what type of opportunity the former first-round pick is waiting for.

Back in April, Bryant reportedly walked out of the Cowboys' facilities and told them that he would see them twice a year, according to Mickey Spagnola of DallasCowboys.com.

If that was the case, this means the veteran wants to get back at Dallas, and why not do it with the Eagles?

2. J.J. NELSON

The speedy wide receiver out of UAB could be a solid option for the Eagles. Unlike Bryant, the Eagles would have to make a trade with the Arizona Cardinals for Nelson, but it would be worth it.

As of right now, the Eagles are without their deep threat in Wallace for the foreseeable future and could use a younger, cheaper option like Nelson. In four seasons with the Cardinals, he has racked up 74 receptions for 1,375 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Nelson's breakout season came in 2016, serving as a tremendous complement to John Brown. During that season, he had 34 receptions for 568 yards and six scores.

He only played one snap in the season opener and seems to have fallen behind rookie Christian Kirk and second-year wide receiver Chad Williams on the depth chart.

3. COREY COLEMAN

Corey Coleman was reportedly supposed to work out for the Eagles last week, but ended up signing with the Patriots.

His stay in New England did not last for long as they released him to make room for his former teammate Josh Gordon.

It has been a wild last 30-plus days for Coleman, who was traded by the Browns in August, but he could not even make their roster as the Bills released him on Sept. 1.

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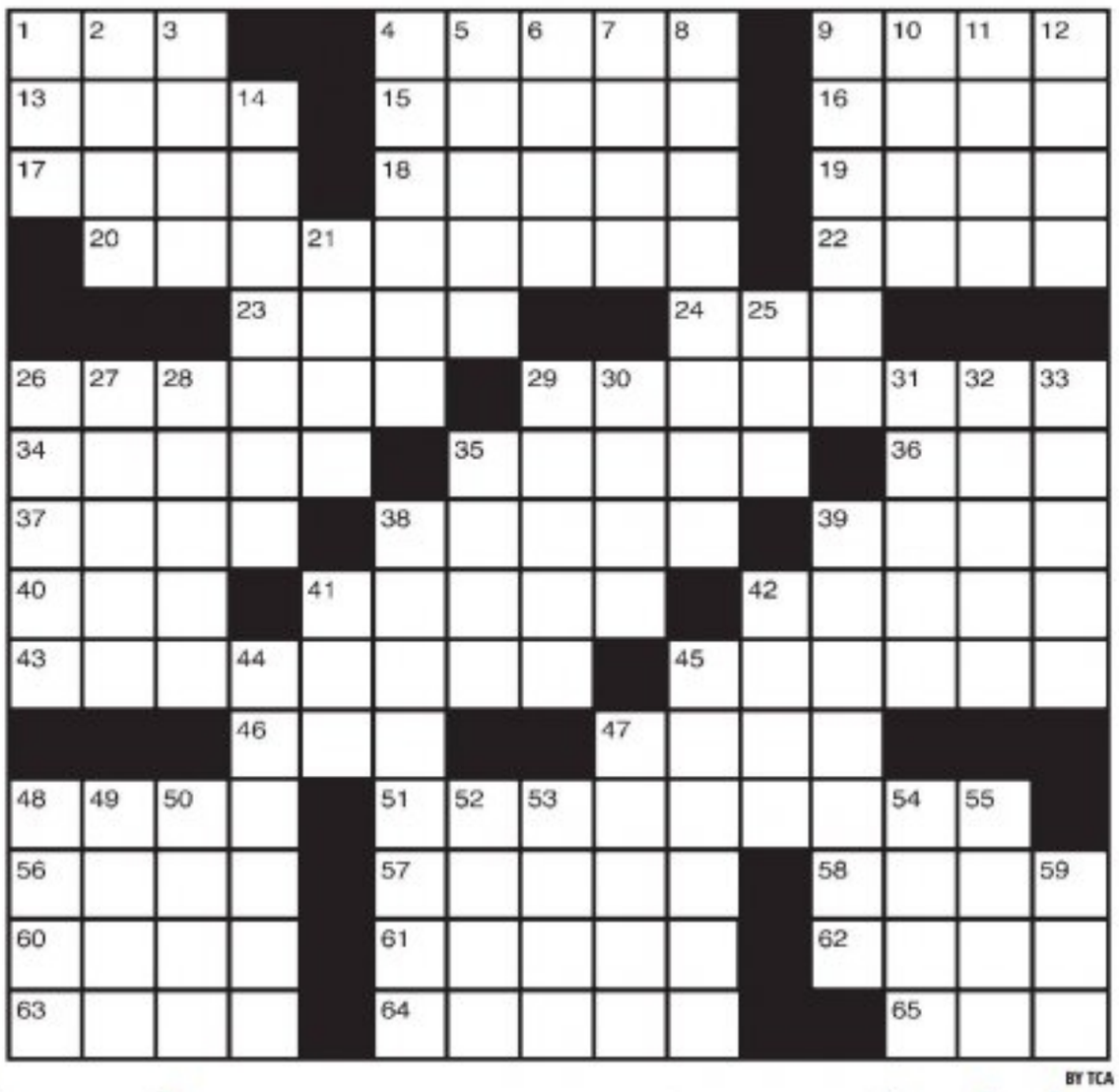

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